

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-29 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 23, 26, and 28 have been amended. Claim 30 has been added. No claims have been canceled. Hence, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-30 will stand pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of August 24, 2004. The claims have been amended based on the discussion of Examiner's concerns regarding the previously submitted claims, in particular in view of Morin. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are now in condition of allowance.

Claim Rejections

The Final Office Action dated 5/19/04 rejected claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11 and 18-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,540 to Sonti et al. (hereinafter "Sonti") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,584,312 to Morin et al. (hereinafter "Morin"). Claims 3, 7, 12-17 and 25-29 have been rejected over various combinations of Sonti/Morin in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,393,271 to Dougherty (hereinafter "Dougherty"), U.S. Patent No. 5,958,016 to Chang et al. (hereinafter "Chang"), U.S. Patent No. 5,913,165 to Foti (hereinafter "Foti"), or U.S. Patent No. 6,099,796 to Cianfrocca et al. (hereinafter "Cianfrocca"). Thus, all pending claims stand rejected under § 103 as unpatentable over the combination of Sonti and Morin, along with, in some cases, other references. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the recitations of the claims as amended.

Claim 1, as amended, recites in response to a received update at a database, generating a request to the Service Location Register to send a profile update for the subscriber to a Switching Center. In response to the request and without receiving a request for the subscriber's profile from any Switching Center, the profile update is sent to the Switching Center. Applicants respectfully submit that these recitations are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references.

In particular, Morin discloses a system, method, and apparatus for providing subscriber services to a mobile subscriber. Morin, col. 2, ll. 13-16. When a mobile station moves to a new mobile switching center, the mobile station (MS) sends a registration message to the MSC (Mobile Switching Center). Id. at col. 4, ll. 38-40. The MSC then "sends a profile request message requesting the HLR to transmit the subscriber profile associated with the MS." Id. at col. 4, ll. 40-43 (emphasis added). The HLR then determines if changes need to be made to the subscriber service (because a service is not supported by the new MSC). Id. at col. 4, ll. 47-50. If changes need to be made, the HLR modifies the subscriber profile to include comparable or restricted services. Id. at col. 4, ll. 50-52. After the profile has been modified, it is sent from the HLR to the MSC. Id. at col. 4, ll. 50-55. Thus, the changes (if any) are made and the profile is sent in response to the profile request message sent by the MSC.

In contrast to claim 1, a request is not generated to a Service Location Register in response to an update received at a database. Additionally, the profile is not sent without receiving a request for the subscriber's profile from any Switching Center. The remaining cited references also fail to teach or suggest these recitations of claim 1. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 5, 6, 23, 26, and 28 contain recitations similar to those discussed above with reference to claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly on one of claims 1, 5, 6, 23, 26, and 28 and are accordingly believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional recitations which they set forth.

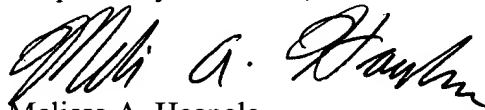
REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

If there remains any issues of allowance with this application, the Applicants earnestly request the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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